



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KEN

"I was very base to you. Forgive me."

-Paul Tillich to his wife, Hannah, from his death bed in 1965

Many of you know I've used the Sunday morning adult education hour to embark upon an ambitious project to write a book about the ten great theologians I think everyone should know. As far as I can tell we've pretty much left theology to the province of professional theologians, and I think that's a pretty bad mistake. I'm sure there's a less humorless bunch of people out there, but I certainly haven't met them. I'm writing this book using as little jargon as possible as well as trying as much as possible to be personal and talk about how these fascinating people have changed *my* life. The project has gone really well so far. Attendance has been great on Sunday morning, and people have really helped me add important details I've left out and to clarify what doesn't make much sense.

The only snag I've run into happened last week when I was studying for the chapter on Paul Tillich. Paul Tillich is one of my heroes. I know I go on and on about Karl Barth, a Swiss contemporary of the very German Paul Tillich. I think this is because Barth is so different than I am, so forceful and suspicious of the culture around him- he is so different I've learned a great deal from Barth. Tillich on the other hand is so much more like me, classically educated, as comfortable with Greek philosophy as with Hebrew poetry, and so open to the culture around him. Tillich believed the job of theology is to recognize that the ancient world of the Bible is so fantastically different from our own world that the theologian's task is to be a bridge between the questions and anxieties of our age and those of the Biblical world. And Tillich was not afraid to say that while some language of the Bible still speaks to our world, much of it has become too obscure to make much sense.

Because of this readiness to challenge the traditions of scripture and to down right attack the views of the church he believed were so obviously human made rather than divinely inspired, Tillich has always been considered radical. I expected this. What I did not expect to discover was the unusual relationship with his wife, Hannah Tillich. And the question I'm left puzzling over is how related is our theology, our politics, with our personal lives?

In 1973, eight years after her husband's death, Hannah Tillich wrote From Time to Time, her biography

of her life with Paul Tillich. Their relationship was unusual from the start. He was married when they began

an affair, and she was engaged. She went through with her marriage to her first husband, Albert, yet continued her affair with Tillich, becoming pregnant by him. Making a "nicer lunch than normal" for Albert, she left Albert a note and ran away with Tillich. Marriage changed nothing for Paul and Hannah- Hannah took a regular lover, Heinrich, and Paul Tillich seduced what Hannah describes as a parade of students throughout their entire marriage. Both of them claimed that conventional understandings of marriage were too limited for people of their elevated spiritual plane, and yet on his death bed Paul Tillich tells his wife: "I was very base to you. Forgive me." These aren't the words of a free spirit, but the words of a faithless husband finally acknowledging his sadness over what might have been.

I'm troubled by learning this about Tillich, someone I've always considered something of a theological hero. While I never expect any human being to be perfect, I do expect great theologians to seek integrity and consistency between their lives and the theology they teach. I'm left wondering about the relationship between our faith and our lives. Is it possible for someone to teach helpful things in one sphere of their life and utterly fail to live them out in another? Should we pay attention to Tillich's teaching in spite of his bizarre personal life as Jesus tells us about the Pharisees in Matthew 23: "Whatever they tell you to do, do it. But do not do as they, for they do not practice what they teach." Or should we just steer clear of Tillich's teaching entirely because the fruit he bore was so rotten?

Of course this isn't just a problem with theologians. Senator Larry Craig and his constituents in Utah are painfully sorting through this question, just as the entire country did during the tenure of former President Bill Clinton. At what point does a person's lack of integrity mar seemingly positive contributions?

Well, I'm left knowing two things for certain at the moment. Life is difficult and complicated, and the best of us struggle to live outward lives consistent with our inner lives. And, when we are blessed with times in our lives when we know this integrity, we should simply give thanks to God for this gift and continue to pray saying, "lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen."

Here's what's happening at TPC!

**THE BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH PLAYERS
PRESENT THEIR 25TH ANNIVERSARY
PRODUCTION
SIX FEET OVER
DINNER PERFORMANCE
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2007, at 7 pm.
\$16.00 per person**

In the fall, Bethel Lutheran Church puts on a dinner theater performance to raise funds for their Bethel Neighborhood Youth Drop-In Center. Members of TPC have attended this event; each year we come away smiling. The plays are written by members and friends of their church; they're original, clever and funny. It's an evening of fellowship and laughter. Dinner starts about 7:00 pm. After dinner, they clear away the dishes; take down the tables, rearrange the chairs and the play begins.

Cost is \$16.00, in advance. Please make checks payable to TPC and write Bethel Play on the comment line. As this article goes to print, there are seven (7) tickets left. This outing is sponsored by the Fellowship Committee. If you have questions, please talk to Susan Springer or Paula Miller, Fellowship Elder.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

This year the Hanging of the Greens will be **Sunday, December 2 at 5:00 p.m.** This is a family friendly service during which we sing carols and decorate the sanctuary for advent. Following the service there is a soup and salad potluck. Make a note on your December calendar. Time flies!

CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE, SATURDAY DECEMBER 15

This year the Christmas Cookie Sale will be on **Saturday, December 15** at TPC. Members and friends bake their favorite Christmas cookies and bring them to church. The cookies are artistically arranged on tables in the narthex and buyers wander around the tables, selecting their favorites. All cookies are sold by the pound. The cookies make a great gift. This is a fund-raising event for the Women's Retreat scheduled for the end of February, 2008.

TPC WOMEN'S RETREAT FEBRUARY 22-24, 2008

Featuring
Jane Kirkpatrick, award-winning novelist
Alton Collins Retreat Center, Eagle Creek, OR

Jane will speak on "Being in Service – Serving Other People."

Sign-ups will start the first Sunday in November. Preference will go to women who are members or who attend TPC. Starting in January, 2008, other women may sign up.

We have reserved 22 rooms at Alton Collins. For two nights and meals, the cost for a single room will be about \$195.00, a double will be about \$175.00. Women can come just for the day. Cost for Saturday will be about \$45.00. Final pricing will depend on receipts from the December cookie sale.

Watch the tower in the narthex for a sign-up sheet and for additional information.

REVENUE FROM RECYCLING POP CANS AND BOTTLES

About two years ago, when the senior high youth group was raising funds to help pay for a mission trip to Mexico in June, 2006, we started collecting pops cans and bottles. The monies received from recycling cans and bottles were deposited into the Youth Mission Trip Account. The recycling continued and the balance of that account is now about \$500. The high school youth did not go on a mission trip this past summer.

In January, 2007, a group of TPC women went on a retreat to Menucha. They have another retreat planned for February, 2008.

Susan Springer, who has recycled most of the cans and bottles donated, asked session to approve the allocation of future recycling monies to the Women's Retreat Fund to help offset the cost of the retreat and thus reduce the cost charged to the individual attendees. Session approved her request at their October 18 session meeting.

The recycling of pop cans and bottles continues; now the money received will be deposited into the account for the Women's Retreat. Thank you to all who continue to donate your cans and bottles.



It's fall, it's time to review the TPC budget and to look at our vision for the future. It has been difficult at congregational meetings to discuss the ins and outs

of the budget. So this year we're offering smaller group gatherings to improve the sharing of information and to allow for individual questions. The membership of TPC is divided up into parishes; you can tell what parish you're in by the color dot on your name tag.

There are two remaining dates for these small group gatherings; three parishes are invited to each session. The dates and parish "assignments" are listed below. If the date your parish is meeting is not convenient for you, please come on one of the other dates. Visitors and friends are welcome.

Thursday, Nov, 8, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at TPC
Parishes lead by Noel Johnson (orange), Julie Van Buren (dark blue) and David Norse (neon green)

Sunday, Nov. 11, noon to 1:00 p.m. at TPC
Parishes lead by Pam Cameron (light blue), Linda Watkins (red) and Kathy Sweetland (purple)

In these small groups, we'll explain the budget, describe past giving patterns at TPC, look at where session is leading us and discuss those things that make it easy to be at TPC and those things that make it difficult.

We hope to see you at one of these group gatherings...so we can talk.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY RON!



The Choir celebrated Ron Fabbro's birthday with cake and singing after practice on October 17.

Basic Collage Class Sat., November 17th 4PM – 6PM DIY Lounge at Collage on Alberta

The TPC Art team invites you to share in a fun and creative afternoon. We have reserved the DIY Lounge and hired a skilled instructor to lead a crash course in the art of collage! Create your own piece of art while learning about the latest materials and techniques. Beginners are encouraged! \$15 fee includes basic supplies. Space is limited. Register on the tower at church or by calling Ellen VanSchoiack at 503-692-7989. Please make your check payable to TPC.

Adult Ed. 9:15 am Class for Advent

Charlie Brown will lead a class especially designed for the Advent Season the first four Sunday mornings in December... 2, 9, 16, and 23.

Each Sunday will focus on the significance of four concepts that affect how we will experience the Advent season. Feel free to attend all or any one for an open discussion on the following subjects:

Repentance, Faith, Holiness and Love.

Session 1: We will never "get it" at Christmas, unless we repent, unless we "prepare him room."

Session 2: Faith isn't anything more than being swept up in God's plan, and perhaps refusing to kick or flail against it.

Session 3: Holiness is an openness to let God be in me and use me, to be God's temple down on this earth.

Session 4: Our problem is not that we fail to love. We just love the wrong things. Advent reminds us of our true love.

Bring an openness to share, learn and encourage one another in our faith journeys. Bring your most helpful and challenging experiences and insights...and a favorite Bible. See you at the gathering.

Charlie Brown

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

The progressive dinner is scheduled for **Saturday, December 8th**. This year we are planning on meeting at 5:30 p.m. for hors d'oeuvres at a location to be announced. The groups will then break up at 6:30 and move to the location where dinner will be served. The final move for the night will be at 8:30 to the church for dessert and a time for carols. Those who cannot make the dinner portion are invited to join the group at 8:30 festivities. Look for the sign-up sheet in November and join in on the fun.

THE MEN'S "ADVANCE"



Pictured left to right are: Roger Smith, Harry Chase, Kip Stevenson, Aaron Russell, Dale McHaffie, Dave Backen, Rob Ayers, Mark Maleta, Ted Pelletier, Jay Wilcox, Charlie Brown, Scott Cameron, Emerson Woods, Stan Heath, Unknown, & Ronn Rhodes. The team headed by Rev. Evers-Hood won the golf tournament.

Fun was had by all. The worst ball holes met with some resistance and it is doubtful that it will be a part of this event in the future. Emerson Woods won both KP holes. It is believed that Ted Pelletier jinxed the Oregon Ducks in their loss to the University of California Bears.

ALL-COMERS CHOIR

On the 4th Sunday of most months at 9:45, TPC is offering a drop-in choir opportunity!! It's open to EVERYONE who loves to sing but who can't commit to choir practice on Wednesday evenings. Spend 30 minutes having fun singing and then present the anthem in worship that very morning!! There is no need for musical expertise!!!! Most anthems will be unison or two-part. Members of the Chancel Choir will be a part of this choir, so you don't have to worry about singing a solo!

November Birthdays!

11/01	Matthew Hines	11/17	John Olsen
11/03	DonnaLee Benner	11/20	Becky Backen
11/04	Maggie Peterson	11/21	Candace Kadel
11/04	Greg Lewis	11/22	Cailyn Bowen
11/06	Stephen Gardner	11/23	Bob Bolton
11/07	Bruce Benner	11/23	Dave McGregor
11/09	Kathy Sweetland	11/23	Paul Buckmaster
11/10	Jodi Breshears	11/24	Milledge Hart
11/10	Philip Schmitt	11/26	Martha Wilson
11/10	Nicholas Sweetland	11/26	Kendra Sundt
11/11	Heather Bartlett	11/27	Cindy Hoppe
11/13	Pat DeVore	11/29	Denise Collins
11/14	Adam Winkler	11/30	Jay Wilcox
11/16	Mark Schleicher	11/30	Jackson Schleicher

General Fund Status January – September 2007



	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Income	\$ 156,450	\$ 144,968
Expense	\$ 164,957	\$ 151,063
Net	\$ -8,507	\$ -6,095

September 2007

	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Income	\$ 17,383	\$ 17,533
Expense	\$ 19,907	\$ 18,373
Net	\$ -2,524	\$ -840

New Books in the Church Library

Chris Robertson selected these books and they all look great. This first one I read this afternoon -- it is a great story written by a 14 year old girl from Salem! *Apples in the Sky* by Christina M. McDade (Fic/McD)

Because of You - a collection of inspirational thoughts (812/Zad)

Mother Teresa -- in my own words by Mother Teresa (92/Ter)

Nurturing Silence in a Noisy Heart by Wayne E. Oates (248.3/Oat)

Practical Mysticism by Evelyn Underhill (248.2/Und)

To Love as God Loves by Roberta C. Bondi (241.4/Bon)

Diane Barry

SESSION ROUND UP:

As one more way of connecting you to what's going on at TPC, here is a quick summary of what happened at the most recent session meeting on Thursday, October 18th.

-Session welcomed Rob Ayers, who is stepping forward to lead our nursery program. Rob will be authorized to make recommendations regarding nursery hiring, procedures, and safety to be approved by the Christian Ministry and Education Elder, currently Shari Olsen. Go Rob!

-Our clerk reported 3 new members joined by reaffirmation of faith since the September meeting of session: Bill and Barb Thomason, and Bill Dunlap. Welcome!

-Session approved a request by Susan Springer to direct future donations generated by can recycling to the Women's retreat. Previously, this money has been dedicated to the Youth Mission trip fund.

-Pastor Ken made a helpful report regarding all of the special funds in the church's budget. These funds fall outside of the operating budget, and were often donated for specific purposes. For instance there are funds established by individuals for children's ministry or youth ministry. Due mainly to elder rotation, many elders were unaware of these funds and their purpose. Elated by the discovery, elders are making plans to put some of these older funds to good use.

-Karen Stevenson spoke about the excellent work she and others have been doing related to sanctuary renewal. The sound equipment at TPC is aging and much of it no longer works well. The initial request of this group simply to restore TPC to a basic level of functioning came in at \$3,400.00. Due to an extremely generous donation by a member of \$10,000.00, the session was able to approve this expenditure to be taken out of this gift. So, look forward to microphones that work! ☺

-Session discussed the session fair and possible improvements for next time.

-Finally, the biggest item of the night included elders and the board of deacons making their budget requests for 2008. The session will work with these numbers, adjust them after our stewardship campaign ends in November, and will present the final budget at the annual congregational meeting to be held on January 27th. In order to improve the congregation's understanding of this process, we will also hold a "Budget Basics" meeting after worship on January 20th, a week prior to the annual meeting. At the budget basics meeting the congregation will get a sneak peek at the budget, learn about the relationship between the congregation, the session, and the budget, and ask any and all questions in order to prepare to receive the budget on the 27th.

Just for KIDS
Counting Our Blessings

THANKSGIVING IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO "COUNT OUR BLESSINGS." GOD BLESSES EACH OF US DAILY IN SO MANY WAYS. SOLVE THE FOLLOWING MATH PROBLEMS. THEN WRITE THE WORDS ON THE NUMBERED LINES BELOW TO COMPLETE EPHESIANS 1:3, NIV.

14 - 7 = ___ Father	10 + 15 = ___ in
10 + 9 = ___ heavenly	6 - 3 = ___ to
10 + 5 = ___ blessed	12 - 6 = ___ and
2 - 1 = ___ Praise	6 + 6 = ___ Christ
7 + 7 = ___ has	18 - 9 = ___ our
11 + 11 = ___ every	22 - 11 = ___ Jesus
12 + 12 = ___ blessing	1 + 1 = ___ be
10 + 10 = ___ realms	7 + 6 = ___ who
13 + 13 = ___ Christ	2 + 2 = ___ the
8 + 8 = ___ us	10 - 5 = ___ God
8 + 9 = ___ in	4 + 4 = ___ of
5 + 5 = ___ Lord	9 + 9 = ___ the
10 + 11 = ___ with	10 + 13 = ___ spiritual

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____
 7 _____ 8 _____ 9 _____ 10 _____ 11 _____ 12 _____
 13 _____ 14 _____ 15 _____ 16 _____ 17 _____ 18 _____
 19 _____ 20 _____ 21 _____ 22 _____
 23 _____ 24 _____ 25 _____ 26 _____

EPHESIANS 1:3, NIV

Answer: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ."

Muriel Powers
 Interviewed by Linda Watkins



A delightful, sharp as a tack woman with a puckish sense of humor is the oldest member of the TPC congregation. Muriel Powers was born in Alberta, Canada in 1913 and came to the United States with her parents when she was six years old. Because of lack of records in border crossing, Muriel had a bit of trouble getting her citizenship papers; but determination won out and she became a U.S. Citizen in high school. She was raised in Pasadena, California and went to Junior College and then Business School. Muriel became a legal secretary for attorneys and delighted in her position - especially the research. Not quite as enjoyable was serving summons, she says. Muriel was married for 65 years to husband, Philip and to them was born a daughter, Barbara. Now we all know Barbara Allen, a faithful member of the TPC family. This family of three was members of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in Los Alamedas, CA. During that time Muriel was ordained an Elder in charge of Fellowship and sang in the choir for forty years. Barbara, also, was a member of that choir. She and Barbara came to Oregon in 1996 and Muriel joined TPC on November 23, 1997. Before Kris Sparks became our pianist, Muriel and 3 others rotated the piano playing duties on Sunday mornings. Piano playing (organ, also) remains a hobby along with doing word scrambles and crossword puzzles. Muriel is not able to get out much any more, but she enjoys life in her own home in Wilsonville and living with her is her caregiver and two cats. She is very proud of her four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren and says they are very good to her. She has a great time playing Scrabble with her 8 year old great grandson. Give Muriel a call and pay a visit - your lives will be enriched.

The Senthirajah Family



Senth, Nimmi, Shivani and Tanuja – have been attending TPC since 1987. Shivani and Tanuja were both baptized at TPC in 1998.

Senth and Nimmi were married in 1979 in Malaysia and celebrated their 28th anniversary this past June. Upon moving to Oregon, they lived in Oregon City and West Linn before settling in Tualatin in 1983. Shivani was born in 1980 and Tanuja in 1982. Senth and Nimmi still live in Tualatin with the family's golden retriever, Maddie, who is 2 ½ years old.

Senth has worked for Tektronix/Xerox for the past 31 years. He also works as a soccer referee in his spare time. Senth plans to retire in October 2008. Nimmi has worked at Oregon Health Sciences University in the Pharmacy Administration since 1988.

Shivani and Tanuja both attended the University of Oregon and are huge Duck football fans! Shivani graduated in 2002 with a degree in Journalism and Tanuja graduated in 2005 with degrees in Sociology and Psychology.

Shivani then graduated from George Fox University in 2005 with a Master of Arts in Teaching and an Oregon teaching license. Shivani taught 3rd grade in Beaverton for a year and is currently substitute teaching, while in search for a permanent position. She is currently living in a condo in Beaverton.

Tanuja is attending graduate school at George Fox University and will graduate in 2009 with a Masters Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy. She is also working part-time at Macy's in Downtown Portland. She has lived in an apartment in Northwest Portland for the past year.



*Tualatin Presbyterian
Church Calendar
November 2007*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2		1 Bell Choir 7:00 pm	2 Bethel Play	3 Ordained Council 10:00
4 Adult Ed. – 9:15 am Sunday School – 9:30 am Worship – 10:30 am Communion	5 Spiritual Formation – 7:00 pm (offsite)	6 Guitar Jam 7:00 pm	7 Bible Study 10:00 am Chancel Choir*	8 Bell Choir 7:00 pm Stewardship Gathering 7:00 pm	9	10
11 Adult Ed. – 9:15 am Sunday School – 9:30 am Worship – 10:30 am Stewardship Gathering Noon 5:30 pm Logos/Kairos	12 Deacons Meeting 7:00 pm CE Meeting 7:00 pm	13 Fellowship Meeting 7:00 pm Guitar Jam 7:00 pm	14 Bible Study 10:00 am Chancel Choir*	15 Bell Choir 7:00 pm Session 7:00 pm	16	17 Newsletter Deadline
18 Adult Ed. – 9:15 am Sunday School – 9:30 am Worship – 10:30 am Pledge Sunday	19	20 Tuesday's Treasures 7:00 pm Guitar Jam 7:00 pm	21 Chancel Choir*	22 Thanksgiving	23	24
25 Adult Ed. – 9:15 am Sunday School – 9:30 am Worship – 10:30 am	26	27 Guitar Jam 7:00 pm	28 Chancel Choir*	29 Bell Choir 7:00 pm	30	

*Chancel Choir members- check with Kris Sparks for rehearsal start time